Tass Clears 'Oswald Lee'

American Book Gets Raves in Russia

MOSCOW, June 17 (UPI) — Russia, which has never accepted the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald killed President Kennedy, gave rave reviews yesterday to an American book that it said denies proof of his guilt.

Tass identified the book as "Oswald Lee Whitewash," (SIC), by "journalist and lawyer" Harold Weisberg, who it said once worked as an "investigator and adviser in the American Senate."

Weisberg, according to Tass, denies proof of Oswald's guilt and "points out that President Kennedy was a victim of a plot." The book, it said, is the result of an "objective consideration" of the shooting.

Tass quoted Weisberg as saying 63 American publishers refused to publish his book because they "fear to handle this subject."

Russia while deploring the assassination, has never conceded Oswald was involved, apparently because he was a professed Marxist and had lived in Russia.

Washington's top columnist, Joh- News.